Closure of PUSs

*105. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government intend to close down a number of public sector undertakings; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI K. KARUNAKARAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Mass Migration From Villages of Doda Due to Terrorism

*106. SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI:
SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the mass migration from the Villages of Doda district due to terrorist pressure; if so, the number of villages and families that are threatened and the number of families that have moved to other districts;

(b) the number of persons killed by the militants in Doda and Jammu districts each month during the past six months; and

(c) what is the estimated number of militants and mercenaries operating in this area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVENSH CHATURVEDI): (a) According to information provided by the State Government there has not been any mass migration from the villages in Doda district. However, during the month of January 1996 some migration took place from Barshalla area of this district, after the incident of killing of 15 persons there on 5.1.96, but they returned to their villages after security arrangement were further strengthened in the whole district.

(b) The details of persons killed by militants in Doda and Jammu districts in the last six months are indicated below:—

	July 95	Aug. 95	Sept. 95	Oct. 95	Nov. 95	Dec. 95	Jan. 96	Total
Doda	13	6	20	3	6	2	28	78
Jammu	18	1	1	-	-	-	-	20

(c) It is not possible to indicate the precise number of militants/mercenaries operating in this area.

Elections in J&K

*107. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken during the past six months to restore a situation congenial to elections to Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly, indicating the number of militants apprehended, killed and those who surrendered with arms; and

(b) the names of the militant outfits liquidated and hideouts unearthed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHTURVEDI): (a) and (b) The aim of the Government is to ensure restoration of peace and normalcy and the democratic and representative institutions in the State of Jammu and Kashmir at the earliest. Towards this end a number of measures and initiatives

have been taken. These include: sustained police and security force operations to contain the activities of the terrorists; acceleration of the pace of economic and development activities; reactivation of the civil administration and revival of its normal activities; measures to strengthen the confidence of the people and enlisting their cooperation with the administration; encouraging the misguided youth to come into the main stream; and, reactivation of the political forces in the State. During the past six months efforts in all these directions have been intensively pursued with definite positive results. During this period Government have also held consultations with leaders of various political parties at the Central and State levels with a view to eliciting their views and cooperation for the restoration of peace and the democratic process in the State, and it continues to remain open to dialogue and discussions with any other individuals/ groups towards this end.

In November, 1995, the Prime Minister also made a Statement which inter-alia included the commitment of Government to preserve the special Constitutional status of Jammu and Kashmir, its willingness to strengthen the autonomy of the State within the Constitution keeping in view the aspirations of the people of the entire State, restoration of the nomenclatures of "Wazir-e-Azam" and "Sadar-e-RPiyasat" and the plans of the Government to formulate additional financial and development benefits for the State.

During the last six months. 1537 militants belonging to various outfits have been apprehended, 1312 have been killed, and around 550 have surrendered alongwith a large number of arms and ammunition pursuant to the announcement of a policy for surrender of militants in August, 1995.

AIDS awareness

*108. SHRI R. MARGABANDHU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to impress upon the cable TV operators throughout the country to film AIDS awareness advertisements to create awareness about AIDS in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) All channels of communication are being used for dissemination of AIDS prevention messages under the National AIDS Control Programme as per Information, Education & Communication (IEC) guidelines already issued to State/UT Governments.

(b) and (c) Cable operators are working at the local level and some of the State Governments like Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh have prepared video material for use on cable TV networks. The States of Gujarat, Kerala and Karnataka have similar plans for implementation in this regard.

Special Dispensation Admissions

*109. SHRI SHIV CHARAN SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2801 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 22nd December, 1995 and state:

(a) the region and Vidyalaya-wise details of Special dispensation admissions made in Kendriya Vidyalayas of the country during 1995-96 academic session; and

(b) what is the legality of special dispensation admissions made in excess of the 10 per cent of total regular admissions in the preceding academic year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) The Region-wise details of admission made in the Kendriya Vidyalayas during